

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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DOUBLING OF RAIL LINE PROJECT
Singh Shri Bharat

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have sanctioned doubling of rail line of the project pertaining to Varanasi-Gazipur section;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof;
- (c) the estimated cost of the said project along with the number of years in which the fund is likely to be provided for the said project; and
- (d) the time by which the construction work on said project is likely to be started and completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d): Doubling of Varanasi-Gazipur section has been sanctioned in following two parts:

(i) Manduadih-Aurnihar (39 km): Doubling of Varanasi- Aurnihar section (35 km.) has been sanctioned as a part of Manduadih-Aurnihar doubling project in the year 2011-12 at a cost of ` 200 crore. An expenditure of ` 35 crore has been incurred upto March, 2014 and an outlay of ` 30 crore has been provided for the year 2014-15. Earthwork and bridge works have been taken up.

(ii) Aurnihar-Gazipur (40 km): The project has been sanctioned in the Railway Budget 2014-15 at an anticipated cost of ` 183 crore. An outlay of ` 1 crore has been provided for the project for the year 2014-15. Preliminary activities like preparation of plan, estimates, etc. have been taken up.

Railways have a huge throwforward of ongoing projects and limited overall availability of funds. As such, it is not possible to provide adequate funds to each project on a regular basis which is pre-requisite for fixing a timelines.